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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE REQUEST: US FAILURE TO DEPOSIT 2003 AND
2004 UN PAYMENTS FOR A FULL REFUND OF THE US SHARE OF THE
BALANCE OF THE TRUST FUND FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
COTONOU ACCORD ON LIBERIA

REF: A. USUN 00879 (2005)

[1](#)B. USUN 00022

[1](#)1. GUIDANCE REQUEST: USUN is transmitting two May 23 note
verbales from the Secretary-General notifying the United
States that the United Nations has voided check payments to
the United States from 2003 and 2004 that have not been
deposited. These payments represent a full refund to the
United States for its share of the balance of the Trust Fund
for the Implementation of the Contonou Accord on Liberia. In
order to replace the voided checks, the United Nations asks
that the United States provide it with the bank account
information to which the refund amount can be deposited.
USUN seeks Department guidance as soon as possible on an
appropriate response. END GUIDANCE REQUEST.

[1](#)2. Test of first note verbale:

Begin text:

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his
compliments to the Permanent Representative of the United
States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to a
note dated 6 March 2003 from Mr. J.P. Halbwachs, the then
Controller of the United Nations, enclosing a check in the
amount of \$2,874,721 representing a full refund of United
State's share of the balance of the Trust Fund for the
Implementation of the Cotonou Accord on Liberia.

In this regard, in view of the fact that the above mentioned
check has not been cashed to date, it has been voided.

In order to replace the voided check, it would be appreciated
if the Permanent Mission of the United States could provide
us with the bank account information to which the refund
amount can be deposited.

The Secretary-General avails himself of this opportunity to
renew to the Permanent Representative the assurances of his
highest consideration.

End text.

[1](#)3. March 6, 2003 letter to Ambassador John Negroponte
enclosed with the note verbale written in para 2:

Begin text:

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

I have the honour to advise you that a cheque in the amount
of US\$2,874,721 had been issued to the Permanent Mission of
the United States to the United Nations representing refund
of the remaining balance of the Government of the United
States' contribution to the United Nations Trust Fund for the
Implementation of the Contonou Accord on Liberia (see coy of

cheque number 239040 attached). This cheque has been issued pursuant to my earlier letter of 16 December 2002 (reference PKM/BNF-III-2.14).

As indicated in my letter of 16 December, the amount of US\$2,874,721 comprised US\$962,919 in unencumbered balances and US\$1,911,802 in accrued interest income as at 30 June 2002 computed on a pro-rata basis.

Once again, on behalf of the Secretary-General, I wish to express our appreciation to the Government of the United States for its generous support provided to the United Nations peacekeeping activities in Liberia.

I remain, dear Mr. Ambassador,
Yours Sincerely,

Signed,

Jean-Pierre Halbwachs
Assistant-Secretary General, Controller

14. Text of second note verbale:

Begin text:

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of the United States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to a note dated June 2004 from Mr. J.P. Halbwachs, the then Controller of the United Nations, enclosing a check in the amount of \$104,489 representing a full refund of United States' share of the balance of the Trust Fund for the Implementation of the Cotonou Accord on Liberia.

In this regard, in view of the fact that the above mentioned check has not been cashed to date, it has been voided.

In order to replace the voided check, it would be appreciated if the Permanent Mission of the United States could provide us with the bank account information to which the refund amount can be deposited.

The Secretary-General avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Representative the assurances of his highest consideration.

End text.

15. June 2004 letter to Ambassador John Negroponte enclosed with the note verbale written in para 4:

Begin text:

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

I have the honour to enclose a cheque in the amount of US\$104,489 (No.249084) which has been re-issued on 4 June 2004 to replace cheque No.243834 of 17 September 2003, in the same amount, owing to expiration of the six-month validity period. The cheque represents your Government's pro-rated share in the additional interest income accrued to the United Nations Trust Fund for the Implementation of the Cotonou Accord on Liberia at the time of its closing on 30 June 2003.

Once again, on behalf of the Secretary-General, I wish to express our appreciation to the Government of the United States for its generous support provided to the United Nations peacekeeping activities in Liberia.

I remain, dear Mr. Ambassador,
Your sincerely,

Signed,

Jean-Pierre Halbwachs
Assistant Secretary-General, Controller

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